



# Indiana Department of Education

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To: All Eligible Title I Schools

From: Office of School Support and Transformation

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Subject: Next Generation School Improvement Grant Awards

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) launched the Next Generation School Improvement Grant (Next Gen SIG) program in the 2021-2022 school year to provide funds to local educational agencies (LEAs) fully committed to aligning a student's learning with their academic and personal needs. This competitive, federal grant supports a one-year planning phase (up to \$300,000 per school), followed by a three-year implementation phase (up to \$3 million per school(s)) in schools identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and/or Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)<sup>1</sup> under Indiana's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan. IDOE is now in its second cohort for this grant.

Applicants were required to identify an intervention priority upon which to focus their improvement efforts, and an intervention model designed to secure the necessary conditions to transform educational opportunities. Additionally, given that school transformation requires specialized expertise, applicants were encouraged to identify an expert partner to provide strategic guidance and expert support in the planning and implementation phase.

**Summary of Funding:** The Next Gen SIG program is funded with federal Title I funds as required by ESSA. More information about Indiana's approved state plan under ESSA can be found on [IDOE's website](#). This is an annual grant opportunity that is not associated with the one-time COVID relief funding also known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund.

**Summary of Applications:** IDOE received 17 applications representing 24 eligible schools. Each application was evaluated by at least two independent reviewers against a scoring rubric to identify the final awardees. The evaluation focused on student performance and a commitment to a transformational vision to strengthen educational opportunities.

<sup>1</sup> IDOE currently has an amendment pending that would expand eligibility for School Improvement Grant funds to schools identified for TSI. Awards to these schools are contingent upon approval of Indiana's amendment.



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**Award Summary:** IDOE receives approximately \$9M annually to support a cohort of Next Gen SIG recipients. For the second cohort (2022-2023 planning year), IDOE has awarded the following grants:

School Corp	Schools	Intervention Priority	Intervention Model	Expert Partner	Planning Dollars (22/23 SY)	Implementation Dollars (over three years)
Indianapolis Public Schools	<a href="#">George Washington High School</a>	Career and Technical Education	Student Pathways & Postsecondary Credentials	NIET	\$300,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
Kokomo School Corporation	<a href="#">Central Middle International School &amp; Maple Crest STEM Middle School</a>	IB & STEM	Transformation Zone	EES	\$300,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
Perry Central Community School Corporation	<a href="#">Perry Central Elementary School</a>	PreK-Third Grade Literacy	Primary Literacy Transformation	LETRS for Early Childhood Educators	\$300,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$900,000.00</b>	<b>\$9,000,000.00</b>

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